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SUBJECT: THE FORBESGUNJ CONNECTION - BIRATNAGAR EXPLOSION AND  
INDO-NEPALESE RELATIONS

REF: KATHMANDU 1114

1. EDITORIAL TITLED "FORBESGUNJ CONNECTION" IN APRIL 8 SEMI-OFFICIAL RISING NEPAL REPORTS APRIL 4 ARREST OF ONE BOM BAHADUR RAI AT DHARAN (NORTH OF BIRATNAGAR) IN POSSESSION OF GRENADE SIMILAR TO THAT DETONATED MARCH 16 AT BIRATNAGAR (REFTEL) . ACCORDING ACCOUNT, RAI CONFESSED "TO HAVING BROUGHT GRENADE FROM FORBESGUNJ-BASED CAMP OF ANTI-NATIONALS" AND EDIT SPECULATES THAT "BIRATNAGAR GRENADE MIGHT ALSO HAVE COME FROM SAME SOURCE IN FORBESGUNJ."

2. EDIT SUGGESTS "NO RIGHT THINKING PERSON CAN DOUBT THAT THE CONTINUATION OF SUCH ANTI-NEPAL ACTIVITIES FROM FOREIGN SOIL DOES NOT HAVE ANY RELEVANCE TO NEPAL'S FOREIGN RELATIONS AS WELL..." AND CONCLUDES "AS LONG AS FORBESGUNJ ANTI-NATIONALS CONTINUE TO ENGAGE IN SUCH OUTRAGEOUS ACTS AS EXPLOSIVE SMUGGLING, NEPAL-INDIA RELATIONS ARE BOUND TO COME UNDER A CLOUD," EXHORTING "THE ONLY WAY TO REMOVE THIS WOULD BE OBVIOUSLY FOR BOTH GOVERNMENTS TO REALIZE THIS AND DO THE NEEDFUL--THE  
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SOONER THE BETTER."

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS NO RECORD OF RAI OR CORROBORATIVE REPORTS OF HIS ARREST. OFFICIAL INDIANS HERE HAVE NOT APPEARED PARTICULARLY AGITATED IN WAKE OF BIRATNAGAR EXPLOSION, BUT AMBASSADOR RASGOTRA TOOK THE UNUSUAL STEP OF ISSUING A PUBLIC STATEMENT DENOUNCING THE CULPRITS (A-31, ITEM1). CONSIDERING SEMI-OFFICIAL NATURE OF RISING NEPAL, EDITORIAL WAS MOST PROBABLY OFFICIALLY INSPIRED, AND MAY REFLECT OFFICIAL NERVOUSNESS CONCERNING GOI INTENTIONS WITH REGARDS NCP ACTIVISTS.  
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